

Frank L. Zimmerman House  
303 Coleridge Avenue  
Llysven Neighborhood  
Altoona  
Blair County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: 303 Coleridge Avenue

Date of Erection: 1913

Description: Among houses of the Dutch Colonial variety in Llysven, the size of this front-gabled example is unusual. The two-and-a-half-story house has a severe, symmetrical facade of brown brick veneer, with pronounced cornice returns and segmental arches over the windows providing the only decorative accents. Four plain Doric columns on brick piers support the roof of the full porch. Both the sidelights and transom of the entry, to the left of the stairs, and the smaller light over the large cottage window to the right of the stairs contain leaded, bevelled glass. A two-story bay on the north side of the house is surmounted by a pedimented dormer faced with fish-scale shingles. The present owners added the shed-roofed attached garage in the 1960s.

History: Frank Zimmerman bought this lot in 1911, after he and his family had lived over their store at 305 Coleridge Ave. for several years. Construction began on the house in 1913; it was the Zimmerman residence by 1915. The present owner acquired it in 1964, a year and a half after Frank Zimmerman's death.

Sources: Maps: 1920, 1932, 1951. City directories. Tax records. Deed books: 173/328, 205/152, 813/308, 824/630.

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